The Customer's Guide to DPS

DEFENSE PERSONAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

Counseling is a requirement for any government move. In the past this would have been accomplished by making an appointment at your local counseling/transportation office and sitting with a personal property counselor. That was a very important process, as the counselor could explain all of your government entitlements (moves, storage, etc). They could also review the responsibilities of you, the customer, and the responsibilities of your assigned TSP (transportation service provider).

With the release of DPS, you now have two options on how you complete your counseling process.

You can still make an appointment at your local counseling/transportation office and sit with a personal property counselor to set up your move.

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You can log into DPS and perform an online selfcounseling. DPS will review your entitlements with you and walk you through the process of setting up your move.



Please note, customers in the following categories for their service branch, will NOT be able to perform a self-counseling, and will need to contact their local transportation office for assistance.

Army:

- •If this is your first personal property move
- •If this is your last personal property move (retirement or separation)
- •If you are storing or moving personal property in conjunction with contingency orders, or, in conjunction with a designated location for your dependents to an OCONUS or Non-foreign OCONUS location.
- •If you are not the property owner and using a Power of Attorney.
- •If you are moving personal property as "next of kin" or are a Summary Courts Officer.

Air Force:

- •If this is your first personal property move.
- •If this is your last personal property move (retirement or separation).
- •If you are not the property owner and using a Power of Attorney.
- •If you are moving personal property as "next of kin" or are a Summary Courts Officer.

Navy:

•If you are moving personal property as "next of kin" or are a Summary Courts Officer.

Marine Corps:

- •If this is your first personal property move.
- •If this is your last personal property move (Retirements and Separations).
- •If you are storing or moving personal property in conjunction with contingency orders or, in conjunction with a designated location for your dependents to an OCONUS or Non-foreign OCONUS location.
- •If you are moving personal property as "next of kin" or are a Summary Courts Officer.
- •If you are not the property owner and using a Power of Attorney.

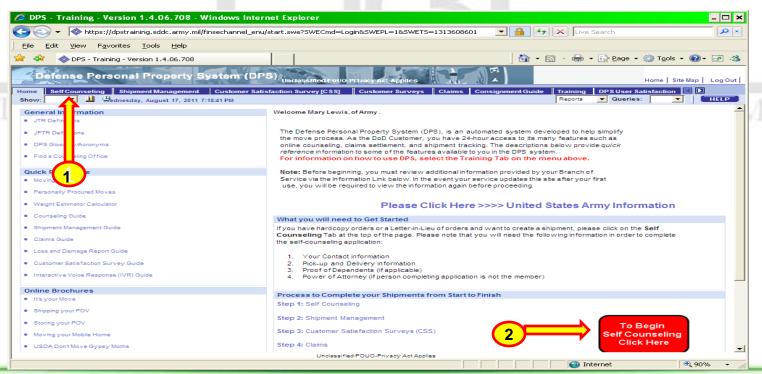
Coast Guard:

- •If this is your first personal property move
- •If this is your last personal property move (retirement or separation)
- •If you are not the property owner and using a Power of Attorney.
- •If you are moving personal property as "next of kin" or are a Summary Courts Officer.

If you'd like to perform a self-counseling online, first you must log into DPS. (as explained in the "Logging into DPS" and "DPS Welcome Section" How-to Guides)

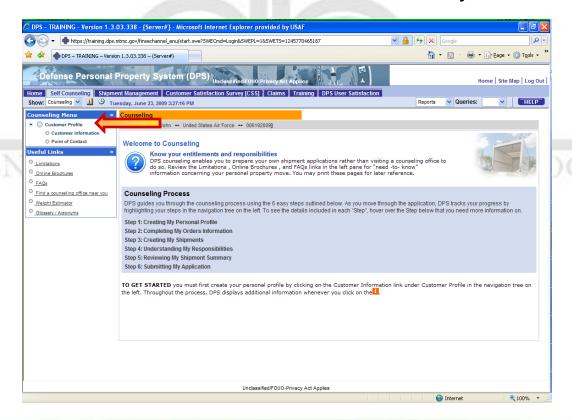
Once DPS loads, you will need to click either the Self Counseling tab (1) or the Self Counseling Red Button (2) at the bottom of the Home page.

When you've completed the self-counseling process, the shipment will be reviewed by your local counseling office, then booked for pack/pick-up.



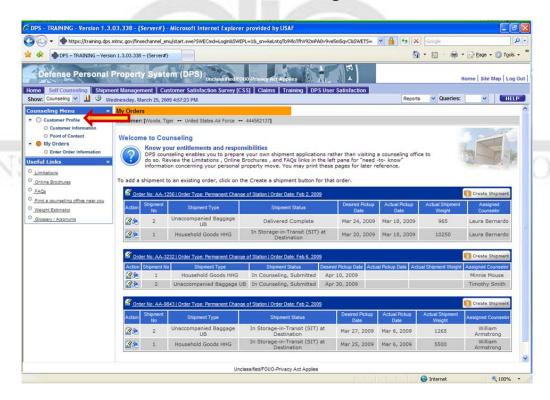
Depending on whether you've used DPS before or had any shipments moved in DPS, your Self-Counseling screen view may be different.

If you are completely new to DPS, you will see the below screen. This screen will identify what steps you need to take to start the self-counseling process. Step one will be clicking the 'Customer Profile' link on the left side of your screen.



If this is *not* your first time using DPS, or a counselor has put your information into DPS before, you will see the below screen. This screen will list your past shipments and the orders they were moved on.

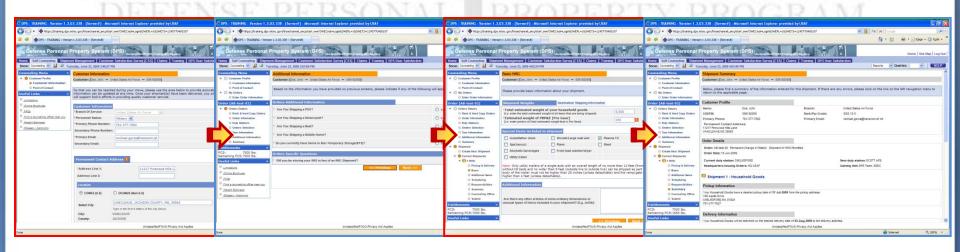
As on the previous screen, to start a NEW self-counseling shipment under new orders, click 'Customer Profile' from the left navigation menu.

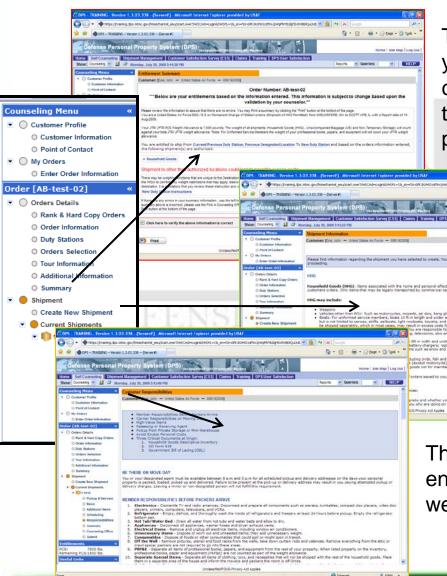


Once you've clicked 'Customer Profile', DPS will then walk you through the self-counseling process. As you continue to each screen, the system will ask you a series of questions to properly build in your information and provide you with the correct entitlements and shipment briefings.

As you input the required information for each page, simply click next at the bottom of that page to proceed. You can track your progress from the left navigation menu.

Below are a few example screens through the counseling process. Notice the orange bubble on the left navigation menu as you move through the process. You can go back at any time to make any necessary changes, without losing your progress.





To provide you with all the needed information for your move, DPS will have you confirm 3 separate counseling screens. These screens are important as they cover your authorized entitlements, and how to prepare yourself for your move.

The first screen (Orders Details: Summary) will explain your authorized entitlements based on your orders, for both stateside and overseas moves.

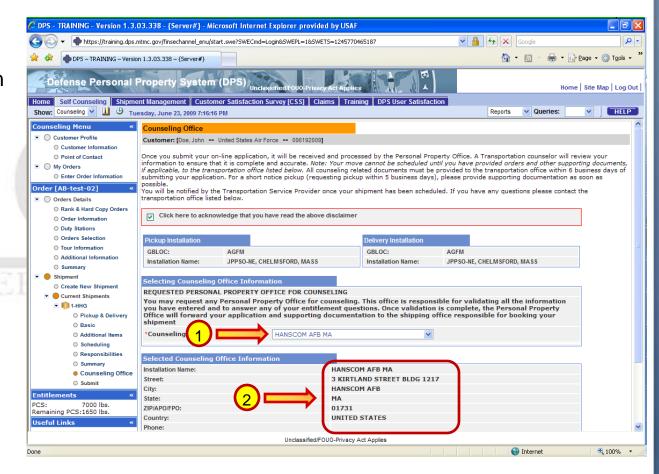
This screen will also contain your authorized weight entitlement. You can print this screen (or the others) to review later if you'd like.

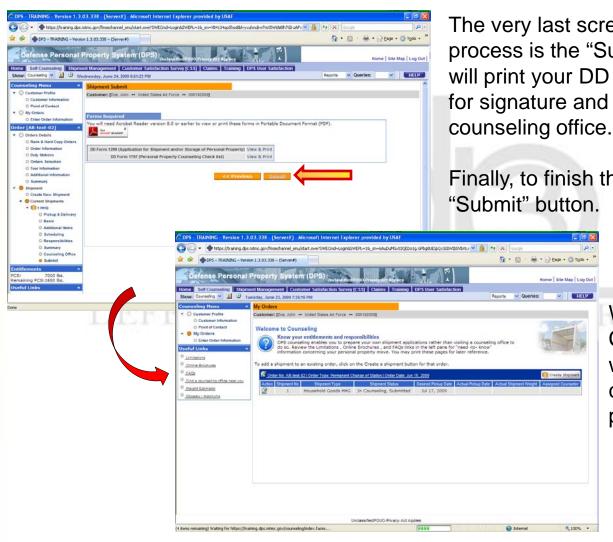
The additional 2 screens will explain your shipment entitlements (screen 2) and your responsibilities, as well as the TSP's responsibilities (screen 3).

One very important screen to note during self-counseling is the "Counseling Office" screen from the left navigation menu.

This screen will identify which counseling office will review your shipment information.

Select the nearest counseling office to your <u>pick-up</u> location from the drop down menu (1), then fax all the required documents [orders, DD Form 1299/1797, etc] to the contact information provided for that office in the below block (2).



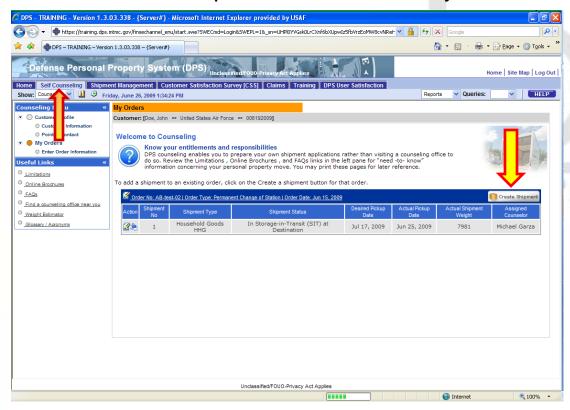


The very last screen in the self-counseling process is the "Submit" screen. This is where you will print your DD Form 1299 and DD Form 1797 for signature and submission to your selected counseling office.

Finally, to finish the process, click the orange "Submit" button.

When you return to the Self-Counseling tab, your shipment(s) will be shown here, along with the current status, and the desired pick-up dates.

If you need to add an additional shipment to your PCS move (usually for Overseas/OCONUS moves) such as Unaccompanied Baggage, or a dependent move*. You will need to repeat the *shipment* information process of your record. This can be accomplished one of two ways.

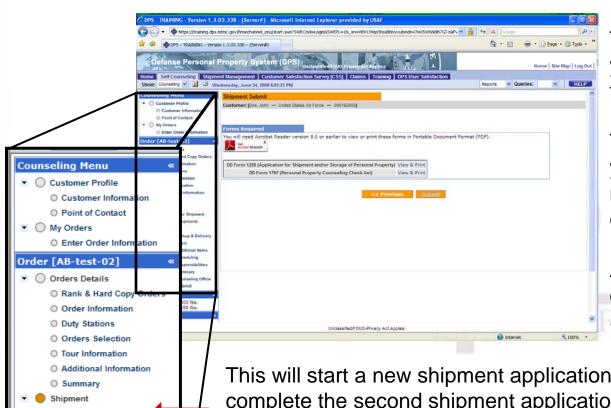


The first way is through your Self-Counseling tab at the top of the page.

This screen will show all of your current, and past, moves made in DPS.

Find the current/correct shipment, then click the "Create Shipment" button along the dark blue line next to the order information.

^{*} For additional moves stateside, and to avoid excess cost, contact your local transportation office so they can assist you.



O Create New Shipment

Basic
Additional Items

Scheduling
Responsibilities
Summary
Counseling Office
Submit

O Pickup & Delivery

Current Shipments

The second option available to you can be accessed after you finish up your first shipment.

To create the second shipment, you will need to utilize the left navigation menu from the self-counseling screen(s).

After the order's information, click the link "Create New Shipment".

This will start a new shipment application, which you will need to fill out to complete the second shipment application. Please be aware of how much weight you are estimating in this process to avoid going over your weight entitlement, or incurring any excess cost.

If you have questions, please contact your local transportation office.